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NOTICE OF DECISION

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL - PERMIT NUMBER NEV2003103 - FOR THE
STANDARD GOLD MINE PROJECT**

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection has decided to issue Water Pollution Control Permit NEV2003103 to Standard Gold Mining Inc. This permit authorizes the construction, operation, and closure of the approved facilities. The Division has been provided with sufficient information, in accordance with NAC 445A.350 through NAC 445A.447, to assure the Division that the groundwater quality will not be degraded by this operation and that public safety and health will be protected.

This permit will become effective December 2, 2003. The final determination of the Administrator may be appealed to the State Environmental Commission pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 445A.605 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.407. All requests for appeals must be filed by 5pm, November 28, 2003 on Form 3 with the State Environmental Commission, 333 West Nye Lane, Capitol Complex, Carson City, Nevada 89706. For more information, contact Bob Carlson at (775) 687-9401, toll free in Nevada at (800) 992-0900, extension 4670, or visit the Bureau's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.

Comments were received during the public notice period from Apollo Gold Inc (Standard Gold Mining Inc.). Based on these comments, the Fact Sheet, required pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.401, has been amended to include a more accurate description of the background groundwater quality at the proposed location of this facility.